

## THE OCALA BANNER.



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The duke and dutchess of Marlborough have kissed and made friends.

Mrs. Jefferson Davis contributes a very eloquent tribute in the New York World's Sunday Magazine, entitled "The Humanity of Grant."

At the "horse show" in Boston a good many women rode on both sides of the horse. It seems to be a sensible way for a woman to ride. The bicycle is largely responsible for the change.

The prohibition law in Maine has not settled the liquor question nor has it made the Maine citizen any more sober than the citizen of other states. You can no more legislate a man sober than you can legislate him honest.

Maj. Alex. St. Clair Abrams is very much opposed to the bill now before the legislature making "incurable insanity" good grounds for divorce. It seems to us that it is a good bill, though we can readily see where it is possible for it to be very much abused. We have known a great many instances where such a law would have been a real blessing to many concerned.

## What's the Matter With Tom Johnson?

The New York Times prints an insipid article about Tom Johnson, the newly elected mayor of the city of Cleveland.

The Times says that Mr. Johnson is a professed "free trader," yet has made a fortune in the manufacture of "protected steel rails."

Well, must Mr. Johnson go out of business because he is unable, by his vote and influence, to change a vicious law?

He didn't make the law and is in no way responsible for it, and, though making a fortune under its operations, candidly confesses that he does so at the expense and to the injury of the American consumer.

The Times thinks the fortune Mr. Johnson has wrung out of the system should make him callous of the truth, go out of business and turn the whole thing over to republicans, who are never troubled with any qualms of conscience as long as a dollar is in sight.

The Times points out the fact also that Mr. Johnson made another fortune in the street railway business, and yet is in favor of municipal ownership.

The Times thinks that that is very mean in Mr. Johnson.

On the contrary, it shows that Mr. Johnson is made of stuff that patriots are made of.

It shows that his head is bigger than his pocketbook, and has breadth of intellect enough to look beyond his own selfish interests.

What's the matter with Tom Johnson?

His head, heart and soul are bigger than any pile of boodle, and that's what the ordinary republican does not understand.



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## AN AGE OF PHILANTHROPY.

In a late publication Mr. Andrew Carnegie tells why he is giving so much of his wealth in establishing public libraries.

It shows how a little act of kindness has grown into a great benefaction. Nearly a whole nation is to be benefited by the benevolent act of a kind hearted individual who lived many years ago.

This little incident shows that the Sunday school stories are not all fiction.

Mr. Carnegie says:

"When I was a working boy in Pittsburgh, Colonel Anderson, of Allegheny—a name I can never speak without feelings of devotion—opened his little library of 400 books to boys. Every Saturday afternoon he was in attendance at his house to exchange books. No one but he who has felt it can ever know the intense longing with which the arrival of Saturday was awaited, that a new book might be had. My brother and Mr. Phipps, who have been my principal business partners through life, shared with me Colonel Anderson's previous generosity, and it was when reveling in the treasures which he opened to us that I resolved, if ever wealth came to me, that it should be used to establish free libraries, that other poor boys might receive opportunities similar to those for which we were indebted to that noble man."

Alas, alas! We wish that boys now prized books the same as they did when Mr. Carnegie was a lad.

Their very abundance and cheapness seems to pall the appetite for reading, but that in no wise minimizes Mr. Carnegie's big hearted philanthropy.

In his youth Mr. Carnegie was acquainted with poverty and hardship, and he understands the value of a helping hand, and for the little bits of kindness he received when a boy—like bread cast upon the waters—he is now returning these kindnesses many fold.

We read in the current newspapers also of the benevolent act of another boy, now grown to gray-haired manhood.

When a lad he had to drive a team and passed a fruit orchard, and, like many another boy, stole up the trees and took all he could eat and all his pockets would hold besides.

He was met face to face one day by the owner of the orchard, and, of course, expected a thrashing.

On the contrary, the owner proved to be a kind hearted Quaker.

Instead of thrashing the lad he gave him a benevolent lecture, and told him he could have all the fruit he wanted, if, he said, "thou wilt ask for it and not steal."

The boy went west and grew up to be a prosperous farmer, and in remembrance of his appreciation of the good deed of the Quaker he has planted a hundred miles along the wayside in fruit trees for the wayfaring boy and the wayfaring man.

Alexander H. Stephens appeared in court one day as a volunteer counsel. A woman had died and her estate was about to be consumed by human cormorants.

Mr. Stephens began his oration by saying that many years before a poor barefoot boy was trudging along the public highway, footsore and weary, seeking his fortune in the world.

As darkness was gathering about him he approached a big house and rapped for admittance. The mistress of the mansion herself answered the summons. He was invited in, was given a warm supper, a comfortable bed, and the next morning in place of his threadworn garments he found a new suit of clothes and a new pair of shoes, was given a warm breakfast, a sweet parting lecture, a warm kiss was planted on his lips, and he was sent on his way rejoicing.

"That little boy," said Mr. Stephens, "stands before you now, and that good woman was the owner of this estate whom these human cormorants seek to devour!"

Good deeds are not always forgotten.

The world is not entirely sordid and selfish.

Stephen Girard and Peter Cooper, who began life in poverty and accumulated large fortunes, bequeathed the same to give practical aid to or-

phan children so as to give them the opportunity of becoming useful citizens.

George Peabody was another man who began life in humble circumstances, and who distributed his wealth with a wisdom of judgment and sympathy that made him a true benefactor. His wise charities in London and his well-considered contributions to the cause of education in this country, indicate the fine judgment and true sympathy of the man.

Mr. Vanderbilt's gift to Vanderbilt University at Nashville, Mr. Rockefeller's magnificent gift to the Chicago University, Mrs. Leland Stanford's generous gift to Stanford University, Baron Hirsch's and Montefiore's world-wide gifts, show that human hearts are rich in sympathy and benevolence and at no period of the world has the milk of human kindness flowed more freely nor to more intelligent purposes than now.

Florida is not without her benefactors and to whom the thanks of our people are gratefully given.

Mr. John B. Stetson is giving with a liberal hand to Stetson University and Mr. Flagler is expending his millions in a way that is doing practical good to thousand of people of this state.

Mr. Flagler is not only building railways, palatial hotels, magnificent churches, and private residences, that are giving Florida a reputation in all lands, but is founding cities, establishing colonies, aiding agriculturists, and has just given the state of Florida \$10,000 as an entering wedge towards the endowment of schools and colleges.

And these men and women are giving these princely benefactions without any blow of trumpets!

They are doing these things not as a sense of duty, but because they find in "the doing" a genuine pleasure.

There is not so much in the amount as in the object of a gift and the true motive and purpose of the giver does the honor and the credit lie.

These men and women are building monuments not alone to themselves, but to the age in which they live.

We honor the men and the women who are giving it this prominence.

## Charles Broadway Rouss.

A bust of the above named well known philanthropist was unveiled in Central Park last week. It was a gift to the city of New York by the women of the South, and was in recognition of Mr. Rouss' donations to the aid of these women in the erection of handsome memorials in commemoration of deeds of Southern valor.

Outside of these donations Mr. Rouss has given very largely in other directions.

To the city of Winchester, which was the scene of his earliest business struggles, he has given \$30,000 for the development of its water supply. He has given \$30,000 to the University of Virginia, and \$100,000 towards a memorial hall for the same institution. He has presented to the city of New York a double statue of Washington and Lafayette, which cost \$50,000.

At the unveiling ceremonies of his bust there was quite a number present and laudable speeches were made by Hon. Randolph Guggenheimer, president of the city council of New York, Hon. Geo. C. Clauson, president of the park commission, Hon. Walter S. Logan, Col. Edward Owen, and others.

A large number of Southern women were also present at the unveiling ceremonies.

## Strikes a Rich Find.

"I was troubled for several years with chronic indigestion and nervous debility," writes F. J. Green, of Lancaster, N. H., "No remedy helped me until I began using Electric Bitters, which did me more good than all the medicines I ever used. They have also kept my white in excellent health for years. She says Electric Bitters are just splendid for female troubles; that they are a grand tonic and invigorator for weak, run down women. No other medicine can take its place in our family." Try them. Only 50c. Satisfaction guaranteed by Garrett & Gerig.

## What Does It All Mean?

The Tribune assails Bryan and other democratic leaders, and praises McKinley and upholds republican policies quite in the regular republican way. It is the first recruit to the president's white republican party in the South. But the way it will root back under the fence when the real racket begins will be handed down for generations of Florida razor-backs as a pattern. —Tampa Herald.

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